

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

**Call to Order:** Chair Nancy Ballance, on February 27, 2017 at 12:30 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Nancy Ballance, Chair (R)  
Rep. Randy Brodehl, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Kelly McCarthy, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Dan Bartel (R)  
Rep. Tom Burnett (R)  
Rep. Rob Cook (R)  
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)  
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)  
Rep. Janet Ellis (D)  
Rep. Carl Glimm (R)  
Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D)  
Rep. Kenneth L. Holmlund (R)  
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)  
Rep. Donald W. Jones (R)  
Rep. Jim Keane (D)  
Rep. Jon A. Knokey (R)  
Rep. Ryan Lynch (D)  
Rep. Jimmy Patelis (R)  
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)  
Rep. Marilyn Ryan (D)  
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)  
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch  
Joe Triem, Legislative Branch  
Sherri Row, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 97, 2/27/2017; HB 298, 2/27/2017; HB 460, 2/27/2017; HB 475, 2/27/2017  
Executive Action: HB 97; HB 298; HB 460; HB 475

00:01:16 Chair Ballance  
00:02:53 Vice Chair McCarthy  
00:03:03 Chair Ballance  
00:03:14 Rep. Hamlett  
00:03:46 Chair Ballance

**HEARING ON HB 97**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:04:11 Rep. Denley Loge (R), HD 14, opened the hearing on HB 97, Increase block management landowner payment cap.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:06:46 Rep. Glimm  
00:07:54 Vice Chair McCarthy  
00:08:01 Rep. Glimm  
00:08:07 Vice Chair Brodehl  
00:08:36 Rep. Glimm  
00:08:41 Rep. Cook

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:09:17 Rep. Loge

**HEARING ON HB 460**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:10:13 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R), HD 17, opened the hearing on HB 460, Allowing use of fire suppression funds for workers compensation.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:12:14 Rep. Keane  
00:12:59 Rep. Fitzgerald  
00:14:01 Rep. Tschida  
00:14:11 Rep. Fitzgerald  
00:14:31 Chair Ballance  
00:14:49 Julie Johnson, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
00:15:13 Rep. Glimm  
00:15:41 Rep. Fitzgerald

00:16:35 Rep. Glimm  
00:18:29 Rep. Fitzgerald  
00:20:27 Vice Chair Brodehl  
00:22:33 Rep. Fitzgerald  
00:23:08 Vice Chair Brodehl  
00:23:53 Rep. Bartel  
00:24:20 Rep. Fitzgerald  
00:25:08 Rep. Cuffe  
00:25:29 Rep. Fitzgerald  
00:25:49 Rep. Cuffe  
00:26:07 Rep. Fitzgerald  
00:26:39 Chair Ballance  
00:29:28 Rep. Fitzgerald  
00:30:05 Rep. Keane  
00:31:11 Rep. Fitzgerald  
00:31:59 Vice Chair Brodehl  
00:32:46 Rep. Fitzgerald  
00:32:56 Vice Chair Brodehl

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:33:13 Rep. Fitzgerald

**HEARING ON HB 298****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:34:11 Rep. Edward Greef (R), HD 88, opened the hearing on HB 298, Emphasize sexual abuse awareness and prevention in elementary schools.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:36:45 Rep. Dudik  
00:37:01 Rep. Greef  
00:37:05 Rep. Dudik  
00:37:09 Rep. Greef  
00:37:44 Chair Ballance  
00:37:58 Rep. Greef

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:38:07 Rep. Greef

**HEARING ON HB 475****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:39:18 Rep. Tom Woods (D), HD 62, opened the hearing on HB 475, Requiring certain utilities to file general rate cases.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:41:27 Vice Chair McCarthy  
00:42:08 Rep. Woods  
00:43:09 Rep. Cook  
00:43:18 Rep. Woods  
00:43:21 Rep. Cook  
00:43:25 Rep. Woods  
00:43:37 Chair Ballance  
00:43:52 Rep. Woods

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:44:07 Rep. Woods  
  
00:44:36 Chair Ballance  
00:44:38 Vice Chair McCarthy  
00:44:57 Chair Ballance  
00:45:19 Vice Chair McCarthy  
00:45:31 Rep. Cook  
00:45:39 Chair Ballance  
00:45:45 Rep. Cuffe  
00:45:58 Chair Ballance  
  
00:46:34 Recessed  
00:51:23 Reconvened

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 97**

00:51:31 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **HB 97 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 298**

00:52:06 **Motion:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **HB 298 DO PASS**.

00:52:13 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 298 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXHIBIT(aph43a01)**

00:52:55 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **HB 298 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 21-1 by voice vote with Rep. Tschida voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 460**

00:53:32 **Motion:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **HB 460 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:53:39 Rep. Keane

00:54:18 Rep. Jones

00:54:35 Rep. Cuffe

00:55:12 Rep. Bartel

00:55:32 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-19 by roll call vote with Rep. Cook, Rep. Hamlett and Rep. Lynch voting aye.

00:56:55 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Glimm moved that **HB 460 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 475**

00:57:12 **Motion:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **HB 475 DO PASS.**

00:57:17 **Motion:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 475 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT**(aph43a02)

**Discussion:**

00:57:45 Rep. Jones

00:58:08 Rep. Holmlund

00:58:17 Rep. Keane

00:58:41 Rep. Jones

00:58:53 Rep. Woods

00:59:11 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:59:27 **Motion:** Rep. Brodehl moved that **HB 475 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:59:35 Rep. Jones

01:01:18 Rep. Woods

01:01:56 Chair Ballance

01:02:07 Rep. Woods

01:02:19 Rep. Jones

01:02:36 Chair ballance

01:02:49 Rep. Cuffe

01:03:08 Rep. Jones

01:03:19 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

01:04:33 Chair Ballance

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:04:41

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Sherri Row, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([aph43aad.pdf](#))